



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Thursday - June 7, 2001

- ***In the West***, hot weather persists in the ***Southwest*** and is spreading back into ***California***, increasing irrigation and electrical demands. In the ***Northwest***, warm conditions favor crop development, although soil moisture shortages are beginning to stress some pastures and dryland small grains.
- ***On the Plains***, warm, mostly dry weather is promoting crop development and fieldwork, including winter wheat harvesting from ***Oklahoma southward***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, drier weather favors a gradual return to soybean and final corn planting. Cool weather continues to slow summer crop emergence and development in the ***northern Corn Belt***, where today's high temperatures are forecast to range from 65 to 75 degrees F.
- ***In the South***, Tropical Depression Allison remains nearly stationary just north of ***Lufkin, Texas***. Locally heavy rainfall is falling throughout the region, especially from ***eastern Texas to the southern Appalachians***, generally benefiting summer crops but slowing fieldwork and causing localized flooding. Despite recent and continuing showers, pockets of unfavorably dryness persist in the ***southern Atlantic region***.

Outlook: The remnants of Tropical Storm Allison are forecast to drift slowly southward or eastward and contribute to heavy rainfall across the ***South*** through week's end. Meanwhile, drier weather is forecast across the ***Plains and Corn Belt***, although showers may return to the latter region during the weekend. Hot, dry weather will persist into next week across ***California, the Great Basin, and the Southwest***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for June 12-16 calls for hot weather to expand onto the ***central and southern Plains***, while below-normal temperatures are forecast in the ***Northwest*** and along much of the ***Atlantic Seaboard***. Wet weather is forecast in the ***north-central U.S.***, while near-normal precipitation is expected elsewhere.

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